

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD
STATE BOARD ROOM, SUITE 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

August 24, 2017

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:32 a.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2017, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2017.

The following were present:

Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary
Mr. Brad Clark, General Counsel

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board
MG (R) Lee Baxter, Lawton
Mr. William "Bill" Flanagan, Claremore
Mr. Robert J. Ross, Oklahoma City
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City

Members of the State Board of Education not present:

Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA
FLAG SALUTE, AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Superintendent Hofmeister led Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and a moment of silence.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

First-Year Superintendents

First-year superintendents attending the meeting included Mark Lippe, Adair Public Schools; Kevin Younger, Anderson Public Schools; Drew Eichelberger, Bethany Public Schools; Travis Graham, Calvin Public Schools; Bryan Frazier, Claremore Public Schools; Adam Newman, Indianola Public Schools; Twyla Morris, Keota Public Schools; Bryan Brister, Kingston Public Schools; Bill Neyman, Leflore Public Schools; Tyson Bullard, Shattuck Public Schools; and Jacque Canady, Shidler Public Schools.

Superintendent Hofmeister updated on the 2017-2018 school year enrollment increase; student specialty license plate initiative; ESSA final draft/Governor review; 2017 Teacher of the Year activity; monthly emergency certification numbers and teacher recruitment.

Board members discussed and requested report on applicant qualifications, certificate categories; recruitment and applicant recommendations of District Superintendents.

**Recognition of Department Employee
for the Month of August**

Superintendent Hofmeister introduced Ms. Kim Barton, Lead Certification Specialist, Teacher Certification as the employee for the month August.

Employee Service Recognitions

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized State Department of Education employee Franza Schrader, Coordinator I-Summer Food Services Program, Child Nutrition for 25 years of service to the state of Oklahoma.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE

July 27, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes of the State Board of Education - Approved

Board member Baxter moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2017, regular meeting. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Mr. Flanagan, abstain; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christina McDougall, Oklahoma Speech, Language, Hearing Association (OSHA) signed up to address Speech Language Pathologists considerations and support in the FY18 State Board of Education budget.

CONSENT DOCKET - Approved

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2017-2018 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**
Noble Public Schools, Cleveland County
Perry Public Schools, Noble County
Putnam City Public Schools, Oklahoma County

3 Year Request
Kinta Public Schools, Haskell County
Stroud Public Schools, Lincoln County
Bethel Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
- (b) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O. S. § 1210.568**
Big Pasture Public Schools, Cotton County
Carney Public Schools, Lincoln County

3 Year Request
Paoli Public Schools, Garvin County
Kinta Public Schools, Haskell County
- (c) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**
Hinton Public Schools, Caddo County
Anadarko Public Schools, Caddo County
Felt Public Schools, Cimarron County
Elgin Public Schools, Comanche County
Buffalo Valley Public Schools, Latimer County
Heavener Public Schools, LeFlore County
Adair Public Schools, Mayes County
Stidham Public Schools, McIntosh County
Empire Public Schools, Stephens County
Crowder Public Schools, Pittsburg County
Latta Public Schools, Pontotoc County

3 Year Request

Hugo Public Schools, Choctaw County
Bristow Public Schools, Creek County
Ponca City Public Schools, Kay County
Putnam City Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Hominy Public Schools, Osage County
Maud Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
Skiatook Public Schools, Tulsa County
Collinsville Public Schools, Tulsa County

(d) **Library Media Specialist Certificate Exemption – 70 O. S. § 3-126**

Blanchard Public Schools, McClain County
Edmond Public Schools, Oklahoma County
(North High School)
Edmond Public Schools, Oklahoma County
(West Field ES)

3 Year Request

Guthrie Public Schools, Logan County
(Junior High School)
Salina Public Schools, Mayes County
(Salina Elementary)
Tulsa Public Schools, Tulsa County

- (e) Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education teacher certification regulations to permit issuance of emergency (provisional) certificates - **70 O. S. § 6-187**
- (f) Discussion and possible action on amendments to the 2017-2018 school year accreditation status recommendations approved by the Education July 27, 2017 – **OAC 210:35-3-201**
- (g) Request approval for Eagle Point Christian Academy (EPCA), an accredited private school, to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities program - **70 O. S. § 13-101.2**

Board member Baxter asked to pull item 6(f) for further discussion.

Board member Flanagan moved to approve the Consent Docket with the exception of item 6(f). Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Board members discussed and asked questions regarding amended accreditation deficiencies and recommendations.

Jason Pittenger, Executive Director, Accreditation Standards Division, said the accreditation policy, procedures, operations and challenges are being reviewed to maximize efficiency and effectiveness of Regional Accreditation Officers (RAO) and the Office of Accreditation. Communication methods include deficiency verifications, examining and revising current compliance process and improve eliminating amendments.

Board member Flanagan moved to approve Consent Docket item 6(f). Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Distributing funds returned to the FY 17 Education Budget – Approved

Carolyn Thompson, Chief of Government Affairs said a state general revenue failure was determined in February 2017 for all state agencies. The State Department of Education (SDE) General Revenue allocation fund reduction was 0.7% or \$11,125,889.31. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) notified state agencies July 20 that funds would return to original purposes for which they were appropriated. The SBE approved FY17 budget and adjusted budget reallocation funds were reviewed that included Financial Support of Public Schools (formula), Flexible Benefit Allowance, and Public School Activities, Math Intervention, and SDE Administrative/Support function.

Board members discussed and asked questions regarding funding obligations, past/current appropriations/reductions, supplemental funding, program support and continuances; alternative education analysis and taskforce.

Board member Flanagan moved to approve distribution of returned funds to the FY17 budget. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: following votes: General Baxter, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS and PLANNING

Report on Digital Teaching and Learning Standards

Dr. Cindy Koss, Deputy Superintendent, Academic Affairs and Planning, presented a report on digital teaching and learning standards pursuant House Bill 1576. The bill establishes a professional development procedure for continuing education beyond certification that includes digital teaching and learning standards, enhancing content delivery to students, and improving student achievement. The SDE identified student, teacher and administrator standards of the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), and will provide professional development on implementation.

Board members discussed and asked questions on strategic plan objectives, school district technology and accessibility, and state comparisons.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Payment of Late Federal Programs Special Education; Title I, II, VI, Migrant – Approved

Matt Holder, Deputy Superintendent, Federal Programs & Finance, presented a request to reimburse federal claims for 8 school districts noncompliant to the August 1 filing deadline. Pursuant Oklahoma Administrative Code Rule 210:25-3-7(12) all school districts provided “good cause” explanations for late submission and no districts were repeat offenders.

Board members asked questions and discussed late claim processes and hindrances.

Board member Price moved to approve payment of the late federal claims. Board member Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE

**Resolve into Executive Session
pursuant to 25 O. S. § 307(B)(4) to discuss pending litigation,
Oklahoma Public Charter School Association
v. Oklahoma State Board of Education,
in the District Court of Oklahoma County, CV-2017-1330**

**Resolve into Executive Session
pursuant to 25 O. S. §§ 307 (B) (4) (7) and (8) for the purpose of
discussing possible action to suspend the teacher certificates of
Willis Alexander and Larry Joubert; and for possible reinstatement
of the teacher certificate of Julie Boshers- 70 O. S. § 3-104;
75 O. S. §§ 314-314.1; and OAC 210-1-5-6**

Board member Ross moved to convene into Executive Session at 10:57 a.m. Board member Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Brad Clark, General Counsel, State Board of Education remained in the Executive Session.

Return to Open Session

Board member Ross moved to return to Open Session at 12:27 p.m. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Superintendent Hofmeister said no decisions were made on the matters discussed in the Executive Session.

Board member Ross moved to suspend the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **Willis Alexander** and **Larry Joubert**; and reinstate the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Julie Boshers**. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

No action was taken on any other matter(s) discussed in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 a.m. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. Board members unanimously agreed.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education-State Board Room, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board

Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary